* * * PUBLIC NOTICE * * *

THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY EXTENDS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR CLEAN AIR ACT PERMIT FOR CABRILLO PORT

On May 4 and 5, 2006, the Region 9 office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced it was accepting public comment on a proposed Clean Air Act (CAA) permit that would grant conditional approval to BHP Billiton LNG International Inc. to construct a liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility off the coast of Ventura County, California. By this notice, EPA is extending the public comment period for an additional 30 days. This extension is being provided in response to public comments regarding the extent of EPA's outreach to the Spanish-speaking community for this project.

The proposed Cabrillo Port consists of a floating storage and re-gasification unit (FSRU) connected to two new parallel subsea pipelines. The FSRU would be moored approximately 14 miles off the shore of mainland Ventura County, California, and 18 miles from Anacapa Island. The equipment on the FSRU would include eight submerged combustion vaporizers, four generator engines (three primary engines and one backup), three spherical LNG storage tanks, one diesel fuel storage tank, and other emergency and auxiliary support equipment. The gas pipelines would make landfall adjacent to the Southern California Gas Company's Ormond Beach Metering Station. Emissions from the stationary sources onboard the FSRU would be controlled by a combination of control devices and operational limitations.

The comment period for the proposed CAA permit will end on August 3, 2006, at which time EPA will consider the comments received and make a final decision regarding issuance of the permit. Notice of the final decision will be sent to each person who submitted comments or requested notification of the final decision during the comment period and who provided contact information. If the proposed permit becomes final, and there is no appeal, construction of Cabrillo Port may proceed, subject to the conditions of the permit and other applicable requirements.

The proposed permit and supporting documents are available on the EPA Web site at www.epa.gov/region09/liq-natl-gas/index.html and may also be viewed Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM in the EPA Region 9 Library, 13th Floor, 75 Hawthorne St., San Francisco, California, 94105. For building security reasons, please contact Joe Lapka at the e-mail address or phone number below to schedule a time in advance to view the materials at the EPA Region 9 Library. Copies of these materials are also available at the Ventura County APCD office, 669 County Square Drive, Ventura, CA 93003; and the California Air Resources Board office, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA, 95812.

Written comments on the proposed permit must be submitted via e-mail or U.S. mail to either of the following addresses:

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All comments must be received (if sent via e-mail) or postmarked (if sent by U.S. mail) on or before August 3, 2006. All comments will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available to the public, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Information that you consider CBI or otherwise protected should be clearly identified as such and should not be submitted through e-mail. If you send e-mail directly to EPA, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the public comment. Please note that an e-mail or postal address must be provided with your comments if you wish to receive direct notification of EPA's final decision regarding the permit and its responses to comments submitted during the public comment period.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons who you know would be interested in this matter.